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Dr. Luther T. Clark is Professor of Clinical Medicine and Chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at the State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. He is also Director of the Adult Cardiology Training Program and Chief of Cardiology Services at the Kings County Hospital Center. Born in Bradenton, Florida, Dr. Clark earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree with honors from Harvard College (Cambridge, MA) and his Medical Degree from Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA). He completed his postgraduate training (residency, chief residency and cardiology fellowship) at the Roosevelt Hospital, which now is known as the St. Lukes-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City. Dr. Clark is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Diseases. He is a Fellow in the American College of Cardiology, the American College of Physicians, a member of the National Medical Association, the Association of Black Cardiologists, a past member of the Board of Directors of the Heritage Affiliate of the American Heart Association, and Chairman of the African American Lipid and Cardiovascular Council.

At SUNY Downstate, one of the nation's largest academic cardiology centers, Dr. Clark provides overall leadership for patient care, physician education, research, and community outreach. As Director of one of the largest adult cardiology training programs in the U.S., he trains cardiologists – contributing importantly to the cardiology work force and its diversity.

Dr. Clark has been a leader in cardiovascular disease prevention, practice guideline development, and health promotion at the community, regional, and national levels for more than two decades. He is a member of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's (NHLBI) National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP) and was a member of each of the NCEP Expert Panels that developed treatment guidelines for cholesterol management in Adults (ATP I, ATP II, ATP III, and 2004 Update). A champion for the elimination of cardiovascular health disparities, Dr. Clark received the Dr. Charles Richard Drew Award (2000) from the National Minority Health Month, Inc. for his work in cardiovascular health in minority communities. He is Principal Investigator of the *Brooklyn Health Disparities Research Center* – a partnership between SUNY Downstate, the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health, and the Brooklyn Borough President's Office. Dr. Clark's research interests are in the clinical epidemiology of coronary heart disease and lipid disorders. He has authored more than 100 publications and has been listed perennially as one of the top doctors in the New York metropolitan area by Castle Connolly.

A scholar of medicine and history, Dr. Clark is an ardent proponent for documenting the pioneering achievements of African-American physicians and scientists. He began a column on "Historical Notes" for the Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC) Newsletter, created the highly regarded ABC calendar, *Pioneering African-Americans in Conquest of Heart Disease*, and is currently competing an authoritative history of the Association of Black Cardiologists.

Dr. Clark is married to Camille C. Jackson Clark, an Urban Planner. They are the proud parents of two children, Jason Myles and Monica Marie. Jason is a 2004 graduate of Princeton University and currently a student at the University of Michigan Law School. Monica is currently a senior at Harvard University where she is majoring in History and Literature, is a senior editor of the *Harvard Crimson* and plans to pursue a career in journalism.